

Things To Know Before Your River Trip

The following regulations apply to federal public lands, Oregon state lands, and Oregon Scenic Waterways within the Wallowa/Grande Ronde river corridors. Violations are punishable by law and may result in fines and other penalties.

RIVER PERMITS

Each boating party is required to obtain a self-issue river permit prior to launching. Permits are self-service, free of charge, and do not restrict or limit trip itineraries. Self-service permit stations are located at:

Minam public access

Elgin (Hunaha Park)

Palmer Junction

Wildcat Bridge (Powwatka)

Mud Creek

Troy

OR-WA state line

Cougar Creek

Boggan's Oasis

Shumaker Road

Heller Bar

Read permit carefully. You are responsible for understanding and complying with the terms of the permit. Deposit white copy in box at permit station and keep yellow copy with you. Permits may be inspected during your trip. Note: outfitters & guides may also need to obtain a Special Recreation Permit. Call 541-523-1256 for details.

FIRE PANS

All open fires must be completely contained in a fire-proof container (i.e., fire pan or fire blanket) with sides of sufficient height to contain all ash and debris, and all ash and charcoal must be removed from the river corridor. Please do not use or construct fire pits or rock rings. Use only dead and down material for firewood, or bring your own charcoal. Consider not building a fire at all and using gas stoves and lanterns instead. Fires and stoves may be prohibited during times of high fire danger. Check bulletin boards for seasonal fire restrictions. **Fireworks** are illegal to use or possess year-round.

PORTABLE TOILETS

Each boating party is required to carry and use a portable, containerized toilet system suitable for the size of their party. Solid wastes must be transported out of the river corridor and may only be disposed of at a facility provided for that purpose. Contact the River Station (see below) for helpful suggestions regarding portable toilet products and systems.

GROUP SIZE LIMIT- 25

No group may exceed 25 persons. Groups larger than 25 persons must be divided into separate and distinct parties of 25 or less and may not congregate. Separate permits and portable toilet facilities are required of each party.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

Motorized equipment, including chainsaws, generators, etc. is prohibited within 1/4 mile of the river between Sheep Creek (river mile 80) and Wildcat Creek (river mile 53.5). It is unlawful to carry, use, transport, or possess any motorized equipment within this section of river. (Small, handheld battery-powered devices are exempt.)

MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT

Motorized watercraft (including "kicker motors") are **prohibited** in Oregon between Sheep Creek (river mile 80) and the Oregon-Washington state line (river mile 38.5).

LIFE JACKETS

All watercraft must have accessible a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. Children 12 and under must **wear** their life jacket while on boats that are underway. Life jackets must be of proper size and fit. Other State Marine Board regulations may also apply; contact the River Station or County Sheriff's office for more information.

FIREARMS

Firearms may not be discharged within 150 yards of any occupied area, across any road or river, or in violation of State law. Always observe firearms safety rules and follow all applicable hunting regulations.

MAPS

In keeping with the primitive nature of the river corridor, signs along the river are few. Detailed river maps and literature will be very helpful when planning trips and in locating campsites, landmarks, and rapids. River maps are available at some local businesses, or by contacting the BLM Baker Field Office at 541-523-1256.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE RIVER STATION AT MINAM: 541-437-5580